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MEETING WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY PANEL

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council *BR*

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Status of NIE 11-12-83: Suggested Talking Points
for 9 March STAP Meeting

1. The sections of the Estimate dealing with the Soviet weapons acquisition process and their R&D resources have undergone preliminary interagency coordination. I understand that they are in pretty good shape. You may be interested in the judgment that deployed weapons of the 1990s will be based primarily upon technology levels and Politburo weapons decisions from the 1975-1985 period. 25X1

2. The draft of the portion of the Estimate which assesses the status of the key Soviet military technologies and compares this to US technology has recently been completed. This is being circulated to the agencies for review now. I understand that the section has come a long way but there are still a number of problem areas. Some of these are due to lack of information; others to lack of analysis. Among them are the absence of defined methods for measuring the status of all these technologies, lack of some inputs on US level of technology, and reluctance of some community analysts to make these comparisons. We still have much to do in measuring the impact of technology transfer. 25X1

3. In order to try to do a better job of comparing both status and rate of change on at least a few technologies, we are convening a series of one-day sessions, to which some of you have been invited, to look in detail at our current comparisons, what additional we might say, and to identify real gaps in our knowledge or analytical resources. Both Intelligence Community and DoD technical experts will participate. 25X1

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4. The draft of that portion of the Estimate which projects Soviet military systems of the 1990s is complete and has been disseminated for interagency coordination. Some 128 systems are projected in the draft. We still have some work to do in relating the improved performance expected of these systems to the level of technology incorporated in them.

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5. These various parts of the Estimate are more or less completed. They may still have their faults, but are good and are improving. What remains is to pull all these sections together into an integrated summary which truly relates the Soviet R&D process, their resources, and available technology to their fielded military systems of the 90s. This is currently being drafted along with some preliminary key judgments.



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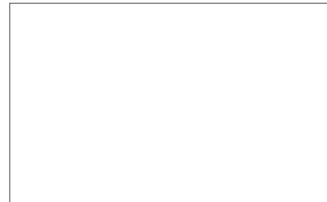
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Panel, 9 March 1983

1. The following papers are provided for your meeting with STAP tomorrow at 1500.

- Agenda. STAP met today at NSA and will meet tomorrow 25X1
They have a fairly full and varied agenda.
- Talking Points. OSWR prepared talking points which I believe are fairly superficial. They make passing reference to key items on the agenda but contain little substantive input. I suggest that you provide STAP with your views as to what they might do that would be most useful to you and the community in general.
- Soviet Military Technology and R&D. A/NIO/SP prepared talking points on NIE 11-12. This Estimate is the one most highly related to STAP's concerns and many of them are well informed on portions of the Estimate.
- Membership List. I have included for your information the current list of members of STAP.

2. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you for this meeting.

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